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1. I HAVE ALSO NOTED INCREASING RTG INTEREST IN MEETING WITH HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS. THE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, ASA SARASIN, HAS RAISED WITH THE DCM THE POSSIBILITY OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN PAYING A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AFTER ATTENDANCE AT THE UNGA. I UNDERSTAND THAT CHARTCHAI WILL BE HAND CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTAACHORN TO THE PRESIDENT. WHILE THANOM RETAINS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO, CHARTCHAI ACTUALLY RUNS THE MINISTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE AS IT NOW STANDS, CHARTCHAI EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN WAHSINGTON ON OCTOBER 5; HE INTENDS TO DEPART ABOUT OCTOBER 8 FOR TOKYO. I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY OF SCHEDULING A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, BUT RECOMMEND THAT IT BE ARRANGED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. CONCERNING A MEETING BETWEEN CHARTCHAI AND THE
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SECRETARY, I HOPE THAT CHARTCHAI'S CHANCES OF A PRIVATE

MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK (ASIDE FROM SEATO)
OR WASHINGTON REMAIN STRONG. I ENJOY FREQUENT ACCESS AT THE
HIGHEST LEVELS TO RTG OFFICIALS, AND BELIEVE THAT ONE WAY
OF CONTINUING THIS VITAL RELATIONSHIP IS GIVING THEM EQUAL TREATMENT,
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, DURING THEIR INFREQUENT VISITS TO THE
UNITED STATES.
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